

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1908.

GOVERNORS MEET
AT WHITE HOUSE
NEXT WEDNESDAY

East Room Being Arranged for the Executives' Conferences.

Many Interesting Discussions on Resources on the Program.

When President Roosevelt extends his greetings to nearly every governor in the United States Wednesday morning, the greatest convention of State executives ever witnessed in Washington will be under way. The governors, each of whom will be accompanied by three or four delegates, will come to Washington on the invitation of President Roosevelt to discuss the conservation of the natural resources of the country, but those who are interested in the subject, and the success which has attended its inauguration, predict that it will be the most important that has been held since the convention of State representatives in Philadelphia in 1876.

The conference will open Wednesday morning. As the governors arrive at the White House they will be received by President Roosevelt. Immediately following the reception, the President and the governors will adjourn to the famous East Room, where the conference will be held for three days.

Ready for Meeting.

The room has been transformed for the occasion. Along the east wall will be placed a combined frame work and platform fifty-two feet in length and nineteen feet high. This will afford a setting for two giant maps of the United States, made by the Forest Service, to which constant reference will be made. The maps are the largest ever made by mechanical process. Each measures twelve by fifteen feet, and each is colored graphically to show the various resources of the country. One of them is devoted to mineral resources, and the other to all other resources. Between the maps there will be a unique arrangement for the display of illustrations.

The program which has been mapped out for the convention is of such a character that it cannot be of the cut-and-dried variety. After hearing from experts the conditions which the country is facing, the members of the conference will themselves decide whether anything ought to be done, and what.

Plans Outlined.

Some have suggested the advisability of forming a great national organization to carry forward the plans originated in the conference. Even should this fall there is a probability that some basis will be laid for future co-operation between the Federal and State Governments in a vigorous policy of conservation.

The President will open the conference with an appropriate address. He will probably be followed by Andrew Carnegie, who will speak on "Ores and Related Minerals."

James J. Hill, who will speak later, will present his estimate of the railroad extensions which will be demanded by the future needs of the country, and their cost. He will discuss the important questions of terminals—a question which is giving river men no little anxiety. And he will consider the possibilities of co-operation between rail and water transportation, particularly showing the necessity for waterway development to meet transportation requirements.

The subject of navigation will be presented by Prof. Emory R. Johnson, professor of transportation and commerce in the University of Pennsylvania. He will give figures on the cost of water transportation, will show its possibilities, and will describe its decline in this country in recent years.

Putnam's Subject "Power."

"Power" will be considered by H. S. Putnam, electrical engineer of New York. He will present estimates of the power now developed in this country, and the probable rate of increase. The most important phase of his discussion, however, will be that in which he will deal with the electrification of railroads.

Mr. Putnam is consulting engineer in connection with the proposed electrification of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and he will show how the electrification of the railroads and the development by water of the electricity necessary for their operation can be made to result in an enormous saving of coal.

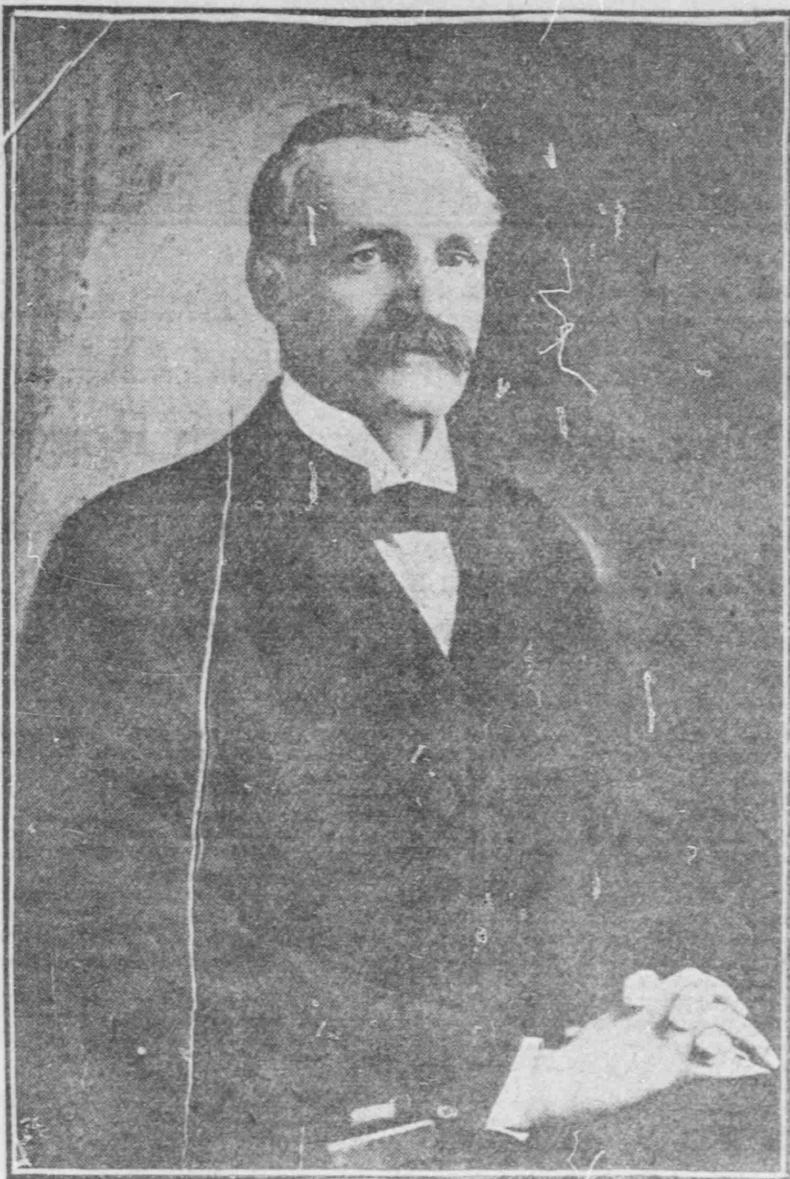
Dr. T. C. Chamberlin, professor of geology in the University of Chicago, will tell in detail about the \$500,000,000 waste which this country suffers every year through soil wash. He will develop the fact that normally soil ought to grow richer, till cultivation, and will outline the way in which erosion can be prevented.

Timber Supply.

R. A. Long, of Kansas City, will make estimates on the timber supply of the country, and will tell the necessity, as viewed by a practical lumberman, of forest conservation. He will show that the forests have a direct influence on richness of soil, on stream flow and on the clarity and purity of water, and that they can be made to play an important part in waterway improvement as in the case, for instance, in the proposed national forests in the White and Appalachian mountains.

Dr. George M. Kober, of Washington, in presenting the subject of sanitation, will devote himself particularly to the practical benefits of a pure water supply.

Chief of Forestry Service



GIFFORD PINCHOT,

Who Will Explain to the Governors' Conference the Necessity for Preserving the Forests of the Country.

ly for cities. He has prepared figures to show that the expense of securing pure water is more than met by decreased sickness.

George C. Pardee, of Oakland, Cal., will describe the benefits of reclamation. He will show that irrigation and the drainage of swamplands can be coordinated with the checking of floods and the development of power.

Judge Joseph M. Carey, of Cheyenne, Wyo., will discuss the necessity of good land laws, and will show that the country's resources will be better conserved by a system of small freeholds than by the tenancy system.

Grazing and Stock Raising.

H. A. Jastro, of Bakersfield, Cal., president of the American National Live Stock Association, will discuss grazing and stock raising in relation to the natural resources. He will show that overgrazing has greatly reduced the capacity of grazing lands in the United States.

Dr. I. C. White, State geologist of West Virginia, and professor of geology in the University of West Virginia, will make estimates on the duration of mineral fuels. He will tell about the im-provident system of mining by which only about 50 per cent of the coal is recovered, and will explain how coal is wasted in heating, smelting and gas production. He will explain how the coal supply can be conserved, and will consider possible substitutes for fuel.

The discussion on coal mining will be led by John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers.

As the conference proceeds the governors and delegates will have opportunities to ask questions and make suggestions. After the experts have been heard they will consider what ought to be done in encouragement of a policy of conservation.

Space for Governors.

The governors will occupy seats of honor just in front of the platform. These seats will be reserved for them, but all the other conferees and delegates will be seated in the order of their arrival at each meeting. The latter will be accommodated with the chairs which are used at White House musicals, but for the governors will be provided larger chairs. The seats will be arranged in semi-circular form, with an aisle running east and west through the center of the room.

Attendance at the sessions will be carefully restricted to those connected with the conference. It has come to the knowledge of the White House that tourists and others are planning to visit Washington at the time of the conference in order that they may visit the sessions. But all such will be disappointed. The White House, except for the executive offices, will be entirely closed to visitors during the three days of the meeting. And so tourists will not have even the usual opportunity to see the building. This strict arrangement has been necessitated by the limited capacity of the East room, and by the great number of requests which have been made. The outlook is that the governors and delegates, together with Cabinet members, justices of the Supreme Court and members of Congress, will entirely fill the East room.

All entrances except the east gate will be closed, and admission there will be upon the presentation of engraved cards, with which governors and delegates have been provided.

Entertainment Program.

Three social functions will mark conference week. The first will be a dinner given Tuesday evening by President Roosevelt. At this dinner a President of the United States will, for the first time, meet socially the governors of practically all the States and Territories. At the dinner President Roosevelt will also entertain the justices of the Supreme Court, Secretaries Wilson and

Garfield, of the Cabinet, whose departments are peculiarly concerned in the conference; the members of the inland Waterways Commission, and the special guests—William Jennings Bryan, James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie, and John Mitchell. Former President Cleveland, who was invited, will probably be unable to attend because of his recent indisposition.

Gifford Pinchot will give a reception Thursday evening at his residence, 1818 Rhode Island avenue. There the delegates, conferees, Cabinet members, chiefs of Government bureaus and members of the press will have an opportunity to meet the governors and the members of the inland Waterways Commission.

Mrs. Roosevelt will give a garden party Friday afternoon in the south grounds of the White House in honor of the visiting governors. All of the guests will be presented to Mrs. Roosevelt. Music will be furnished by the Marine Band.

Board of Trade Dinner.

Another special feature will be the dinner to be given Wednesday evening at the New Willard, under the auspices of the Washington Board of Trade.

In addition to the governors who will be present the dinner will be graced by the presence of some of the most prominent public men in the United States. The President, the Vice President, members of the Cabinet, Speaker of the House, and a number of prominent members of both houses of Congress have been invited, and many have signified their intention of being present.

The Board of Trade committee having the affair in charge has already received acceptances from the following governors:

B. B. Comer—Alabama.
Joseph H. Kibbey—Arizona.
Henry A. Smith—Arkansas.
Rollin S. Woodruff—Connecticut.
Preston Lea—Delaware.
J. Frank Hanly—Indiana.
Edward W. Holt—Kansas.
Augustus E. Wilson—Kentucky.
Newton C. Blanchard—Louisiana.
Edward F. Noel—Mississippi.
Joseph W. Folk—Missouri.
Edwin Norris—Montana.
John Frankland Fort—New Jersey.
John Burke—North Dakota.
James H. Higgins—Rhode Island.
St. P. Anselma—South Carolina.
John C. Cutler—Utah.
A. E. Mead—Washington.
W. M. O. Dawson—West Virginia.
Bryant B. Brooks—Wyoming.
X. O. Pindall—Arkansas.
John F. Hill—former governor of Maine, to come in Governor Cobb's place.

Numerous other functions are being arranged.

NEW PARIS ARCHBISHOP
ENDS MARRIAGE BANNS

PARIS, May 3.—To check the growing tendency of the people of France to be content with a civil marriage ceremony and ignore the Catholic Church, Monsignor Amette, the new archbishop of Paris has decided to do away with all the unnecessary red tape now connected with a religious marriage ceremony in France. As it is customary for a priest to be married by a young couple wishing to be married, the archbishop has decided to do away with the old custom of requiring the priest to be married by a young couple wishing to be married, and for three consecutive Sundays their names would be read aloud from the pulpit together with their ages and a mass of other details.

An order from the archbishop has now instructed all the priests of his diocese to marry any couple who desire to be married when satisfied that there were no legal obstructions to the ceremony.

CHAUFFEUR BREAKS ARM.

Arthur Smith, twenty-one years old, employed as a chauffeur by Representative Willett, of New York, had his right arm fractured by the engine crank while starting the automobile yesterday. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital.

WATER ENGINEERS
TO MEET TOMORROW

Washington Society Has Arranged for Week's Sessions.

Beginning with an elaborate program tomorrow evening, the American Waterworks Association of the United States will be in session at Arlington Hotel, and continue throughout the remainder of the week. The delegates to this twenty-seventh annual convention, together with their relatives and friends, will number more than 1,000.

There will be but one session Monday, in the evening. Every other day during the week there will be at least two sessions, one in the morning and one in the evening. Discussions relating to the technical features of waterworks throughout the country will be taken up at these meetings. The Washington Society of Engineers, through a committee appointed by the head of that organization, has all the arrangements for the convention in hand. Besides the regular routine business program, a varied social program has been completed. These social functions will be held every evening.

Fairbanks Will Speak.

Vice President Fairbanks and Commissioner Macfarland will make the speeches of welcome which will formally open the convention tomorrow evening. George H. Felix, president of the Waterworks Association, will respond. Following the speeches a reception will be held in the large ballroom at the Arlington Hotel by Vice President Fairbanks and the president and other officers of the association.

Immediately after the reception there will be a ball, at which all those attending the former ceremonies, together with members of Congress and others prominent in social and official life, will be present. The Marine Band has been engaged for the ball.

Following the reports of the secretaries of the various committees Tuesday morning, the election of members will be held. With the president's address, the morning session will adjourn to meet in the afternoon, after a reception by President Roosevelt at the White House. The afternoon session will be taken up with the reading of

Three Go on Rattlesnake Hunt
To Wild Bay State Mountains

NEW YORK, May 9.—On a search for deadly rattlesnakes, Charles E. Snyder, first keeper of the Bronx Zoo, and two men who are greatly interested in reptilian lore of every sort started this afternoon on the third annual Zoo expedition to replenish the stock of yellow and black rattlers in the reptile house. Eighteen of these big snakes were captured last year, but all died after being placed in captivity.

Mr. Snyder's little party will go direct to a little railroad station in the wild Taconic mountain region in southwestern Massachusetts, where they will take a vehicle and drive twelve miles through the hills. At a small hamlet they will leave the vehicle behind and begin their climb of 2,000 feet to an unfrequented mountain, on the steep sides of which, far above any human habit-dish, hundreds of dangerous rattlers pack in the warm sun on precipitous rock ledges.

Few persons know the haunts which the party will visit, and it is seldom that even farmers in the vicinity climb the steep mountains in search of game. So far as possible the Zoo authorities here have kept the snakes' haunts a

mystery, to avoid wholesale slaughter of the reptiles, which live mostly in the dense underbrush of the mountain range.

Armed with long poles with a prong at one end, Snyder and his companions will climb to the ledges where the snakes sun themselves. The method of capturing the rattlers, though dangerous, is quickly carried out, once a snake is discovered. The pole with the long prong is brought suddenly down on the big snake before it can spring, and the prong pins the reptile to the earth till Snyder or one of his companions can approach and grasp it firmly just back of the head.

With a hold so firm that the snake cannot shoot its poison into the body of its captor, the man lifts the snake and throws it quickly into a big canvas bag.

After a sufficient number of rattlers have been captured, Snyder and his party will hang their snakes on the middle of a long pole and make their way down the mountain back to the little hamlet. Most of the snakes captured in the locality they are to search have been from four to five feet in length.

the annual reports and papers on the subjects which the association has had under consideration during the last year.

In the evening the families and friends of the delegates will be escorted through the Congressional Library by a committee appointed by the Women's Press Association. This affair will be under the direct charge of Mrs. Johnson, who is in charge of the ladies' reception committee.

Excursions Planned.

Including some of the excursions which have been planned for the visitors are trips to Mt. Vernon, Indian Head, Marshall Hall, and various other places of historical interest.

The annual election of officers will be held Wednesday morning. All business postponed from Tuesday will be taken up at the Wednesday afternoon session.

The final three days of the meeting will be devoted to the consideration of matters of national importance, and those questions relating to the management of waterworks, filtration plants, mains, and the maintenance of the same.

The local committee for the convention is M. O. Leighton, chairman; W.

DRAINAGE CONGRESS
CONVENES TUESDAY

Many Prominent Men Will Discuss Reclamation of Swamp Lands.

The congress of the National Drainage Association, which is to meet in the assembly hall at the New Willard Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, promises to be a notable gathering of prominent men. Representatives of men from all sections of the country, Senators and Representatives, and many governors of many States will be present on the opening day.

The Commission of the District, as well as delegates representing the Board of Trade, are expected to attend the congress, and Commissioner Macfarland will deliver the address of welcome to the delegates. Secretary Garfield also will deliver an address.

William J. Bryan has sent word that he may not be able to arrive until Tuesday afternoon, but will speak during the afternoon session of the congress. Among the other speakers will be Senator Newlands, Representative Burton of Delaware, Mr. Newell, director of the Irrigation Service, Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Forestry Service; O. E. Austin, chief of the Bureau of Statistics; Representative Ramsdell of Louisiana, Mr. Blanchard, statistician of the Irrigation Bureau, and several of the governors.

The benefits that will accrue to agriculture through draining swamp and overflow lands will be the addition of 75,000,000 acres, which are now not only unproductive, but more or less a threatening element as against proper healthful sanitation.

The drainage congress will hold three sessions Tuesday, the first beginning at 10 o'clock and ending at 1; the second session beginning at 2 o'clock and ending at 4:30, and the third beginning at 8 o'clock at night. A banquet has been arranged for Wednesday evening by the Board of Trade.

KILLS MAD DOG IN YARD.

A dog belonging to Sergeant Michael Ruddy, of the Anacostia station, suddenly went mad in the yard of the officer's home yesterday. Ruddy killed the animal before it attacked anyone.

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